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## **PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**

**April 9, 2008**

### **I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **II. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER**

Staff stated that the City Clerk was not present at this time and if it pleases the Commission, staff recommends taking the oath just before New Business this evening. Chair Williams agreed.

### **III. FUTURE CITY PRESENTATION**

Lindon Richards, Milpitas Christian School Teacher, and Christina Bogert from Lockheed Martin, Milpitas Christian School Engineering Mentor, introduced themselves to the Commission. Mr. Richards stated that The Future City Competition was created in 1992 as a one-time project in 5 cities. The mission of the National Engineers Week Future City Competition is to provide a fun and exciting educational engineering program for seventh- and eighth-grade students that combine a stimulating engineering challenge with a “hands-on” application to present their vision of a city of the future. The students work as a team under the guidance of a teacher and practicing engineer mentor.

Ms. Bogart stated that she helps students build a foundation for their project. There are 2 teams, Condita Posterus and Domas Porada, who are the regional award winners for Best Power Generation. Students from each team gave a presentation on the futuristic cities they designed for the Future City Competition. There was a question and answer session from the Commission. The Commission thanked both teams for a wonderful presentation. Chair Williams also thanked the mentors and parents for supporting the students. He also stated that the Commission would like staff to provide certificates to each team as a form of appreciation for their excellent work.

### **II. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER**

**Mary Lavelle, City Clerk**, swore in **Aslam Ali**, as an alternate member of the Planning Commission. Alternate Commissioner Ali then took his place along the Commissioners.

### **IV. ROLL CALL/SEATING OF ALTERNATE**

Present: Ali, Ali-Santosa, Ciardella, Mandal, Sandhu, Tabladillo, and Williams  
Absent: Galang  
Staff: Andrade, Lavelle, and Lindsay

### **V. PUBLIC FORUM**

Chair Williams invited members of the audience to address the Commission on any topic not on the agenda, noting that no response is required from the staff or Commission, but that the Commission may choose to agendaize the matter for a future meeting.

There were no speakers in the audience.

**VI.  
APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**  
March 26, 2008

Chair Williams called for approval of the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of March 26, 2008.

**Motion** to approve the minutes of March 26, 2008.

M/S: Sandhu/Mandal

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 2

**VII.  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Staff had no announcements. Commissioner Ali-Santosa shared materials from the League of City Planners Institute seminar that he attended.

**VIII.  
CONFLICT OF  
INTEREST**

Chair Williams asked if any member of the Commission has any personal or financial conflict of interest related to any of the items on tonight's agenda.

There were no Commissioners who identified a conflict of interest.

**IX.  
APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

Chair Williams called for approval of the agenda.

There were no changes to the agenda.

**Motion** to approve the agenda as submitted.

M/S: Mandal/Ali-Santosa

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 (Alternate)

**X.  
CONSENT CALENDAR**

Chair Williams asked whether staff, the Commission, or anyone in the audience wished to remove or add any items to the consent calendar.

There no items on the consent calendar.

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**XI.  
NEW BUSINESS**

**1. FUTURE TOPICS**

Chair Williams stated this is a discussion of information topics the Commission may want staff to present at future meetings.

Commissioner Ciardella would like to see the Landscape Architects give a presentation. He would also like to have a joint meeting with City of Fremont on their plans for the ball park that might be coming and the impact of traffic. Another topic is impervious surfaces; one of which is asphalt that lets the water drain through and yet it has a membrane on the bottom that goes through gravel and finally into the earth, another one is interlocking paving stones where there is a little more of a gap where gravel will be able to go into the soil.

Commissioner Tabladillo would like to have a representative from the A's give an overview of their ball park project and have a representative from the 49ers give an overview on the plans for their ball park project.

Vice-Chair Mandal would like a presentation on the Traffic Analysis Task Force.

Commissioner Sandhu said he would like a representative of the County Health Department come and let us what type of amenities they will give at the new medical clinic.

Commissioner Ali-Santosa would like to hear from VTA on the impact of public transportation in the City of Milpitas with all the development that is going on.

Chair Williams is concerned about the vegetation near the Elmwood facility. He would like the SCVWD come and describe what they are doing about the vegetation. He also would like staff to give them ideas or projections on how a supermarket or minimarket could come to be in the Pines Neighborhood.

Staff, James Lindsay, stated that he spoke with the City Attorney about having a presentation on findings in the Planning Commission decisions in establishing for the record when they approve or deny a project and how that is linked into the Commission's motions and actions; CEQA presentation; presentation on the Brown Act/Conflict of Interest are some ideas staff and the City Attorney came up with.

Vice-Chair Mandal stated the Commission should have a refresher course on CEQA.

Commissioner Tabladillo suggested having a Planning Commissioners one-on-one refresher course on the Commission; and traffic overview on traffic calming measures.

Commissioner Ciardella asked if the handbook is still given when a new Commissioner starts on the Planning Commission. James Lindsay stated that the League materials have been updated. Staff will recreate a new handbook for the Commissioners with some information from the City. Chair Williams asked if the handbook is online. Mr. Lindsay stated yes it is on the League website.

Commissioner Ali-Santosa would like a presentation on Green Building.

Commissioner Sandhu suggested having a refresher course on the Municipal codes.

Commissioner Tabladillo recommends all Planning Commission information be done on CDs instead of binders. Chair Williams agreed. He also wanted the City aerial map on CD with a viewing program.

Vice-Chair Mandal asked if the Honda dealership is in the offering and is there something else in auto mall. James Lindsay stated that Honda would be coming to the Commission next month and that he is not aware of a third dealership.

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Commissioner Tabladillo asked if the Commission materials be sent via email or CD. Chair Williams stated that some of the material is online except for drawings. When architects or developers come with drawings they are either too large or too cumbersome to carry. He suggested beginning to look at making it a paperless environment. James Lindsay stated that currently everything that is in the Commissioners binder is posted on the website. Staff will begin emailing each Commissioner with a link that gets them to the area of the website that has their binder contents which is already being done for the public. Commissioner Tabladillo stated that if there are arials to go ahead and place it in their lockers but in terms of just paper she prefers having a link to that particular meeting.

Commissioner Ciardella would like to have a brainstorming meeting about the future of the City.

Commissioner Sandhu asked how they would get material to them if it is done electronically. Chair Williams suggested having IS come and let us know what our capabilities are. Vice-Chair Mandal suggested having staff gather information and come back to the Commission with that information.

James Lindsay stated that starting immediately each Commissioner will receive a link electronically and continue with the binders in case the Commissioners need to refer to during the meeting.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. to the next regular meeting of April 23, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Lindsay  
Planning & Neighborhood  
Services Director

Yvonne Andrade  
Recording Secretary

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